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In re the Application of:

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For: ASSISTANT FOR DIGESTING LIGNOCELLULOSE
MATERIAL AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING PULP

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows. A marked-up copy of the paragraph is included in the attachment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

A second assistant for digesting a lignocellulose material of the invention comprises a nonionic surfactant (B) obtained by addition of an alkylene oxide to an aliphatic alcohol, said nonionic surfactant (B) comprising one or more compounds represented by the general formula (3):



wherein R^5 is a straight-chain, branched or cyclic aliphatic hydrocarbyl group containing 4-24 carbon atoms; p is an addition molar number of 4-20; A^2 is an alkylene group

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